

Neighborhood Place Services

Louisville Metro Health Department

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): This is a government funded nutrition counseling and food voucher program for women who are pregnant, breast-feeding or post-partum with children who are infants through the age of five.

Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS): HANDS supports families as they build healthy, safe environments for the optimal growth and development of children up to the age of two. Services focus on supporting the family, family-child interaction, child development, and personal responsibility. Participants receive in-home case management services about how to care for themselves during pregnancy and for their newborn children. Participants must be first time parents, pregnant or have an infant less than 8 weeks of age.

Preventive Health Clinic: Provides medical screening and outreach, immunizations, pregnancy testing and family planning, flu shots, TB testing, lice checks and treatment products and blood pressure screening.

Healthy Start Program: The program works to reduce racial disparities in infant mortality, morbidity, and low birth weight babies. Participants receive home visits from resource workers and nurses to receive case management services. Women are offered resources and educational information in order to promote healthy outcomes for themselves and their families. Participants may earn coupons to the Healthy Start Store. Coupons are given for attending parenting classes, keeping health care appointments, attending smoking cessation classes, having children vaccinated on schedule, obtaining a G.E.D., and compliance with program protocol. These coupons can be used to purchase baby clothing, bottles, and other supplies in the store. Healthy Start program provides parenting classes, breast-feeding and car seat safety classes.

Healthy Start Men's Services: Healthy Start Men's Services' mission is to encourage and empower fathers to be active participants in the lives of their children and families. This is to include all males who are willing to take an active role in a child's personal growth and development, regardless of kinship or family origin; to enhance healthy lifestyles for men and their families through education and information, and to support fathers in their quest to provide for their families economically, educationally, medically, and spiritually, and through referrals and resource support, thus building healthy relationships and helping males grow as nurturers, as well as developing strong communities. Target population ages 14 to 44.

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Community Outreach: Provides Neighborhood Place representation and connection with area businesses, organizations, and resident groups. Coordination of community activities and events.

Emergency Financial Assistance: Provides emergency financial assistance for rent, rent deposit, or utility payments. Screens clients for eligibility, assesses financial need, advocates to other agencies on behalf of client, and refers to other community resources as appropriate. Homeless assessments are provided for individuals who are unable to access an emergency shelter. Linkage to the Homeless Family Response Team and other community resources are provided.

Information and Referral: Provides referrals to services available in the Louisville Jefferson County Metro area. Also provides screenings for financial assistance.

Family Intervention Services (FIS): Stabilizes families in or near crisis due to behavioral problems and/or parenting concerns. FIS provides case management to families experiencing such issues as a child exhibiting beyond control behavior at home or school, truancy and/or running away. Families will be assisted in developing strategies to improve their functioning while maximizing each family member's potential and opportunities.

Cabinet for Families and Children-Department for Community Based Services

Family Support Eligibility: Applications are taken for Food Stamps, Medical Assistance and also assists Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program (K-TAP) recipients in obtaining the necessary skills to become self-sufficient.

Kentucky Works Team/Case Management: Case Management is a part of the Kentucky Works program. All K-TAP recipients are required to participate. Some of the requirements are working 20 to 55 hours per week. Supportive services include receiving child care assistance, transportation assistance, car repair, medical services, tools, licensing fees paid, school supplies, GED test, uniforms, interview outfit, criminal records check, and drug testing.

Protection and Permanency: Provides ongoing assistance for families who have been referred for child neglect or abuse. This may include services to help children remain safely in their homes (i.e. childcare, counseling, parenting education, etc.) or, if needed, may include alternative placement (i.e. foster care).

Targeted Assessment Project: The University of Kentucky Targeted Assessment Project focuses on helping K-TAP recipients/clients overcome barriers to self-sufficiency such as domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health/mental illness, and adult learning disabilities. The project is staffed by experienced counselors. Partner agency referrals are accepted.

Community Coordinated Child Care (4C's): The Child Care Assistance Program administered by 4C's assists parents with subsidy payments and referral services for locating childcare. However, the subsidy assistance has income guidelines that are state mandated. Parents may qualify for financial subsidy by working and/or attending school.

Family-to-Family Program: The Family-to-Family's goal is to help neighborhoods build effective responses to families and children at risk of abuse and neglect by providing preventive services, recruiting for foster or adoptive families, and through networking partnerships.

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Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center (JADAC): JADAC counselor provides alcohol and drug assessments with case management services. The population served varies, but can include pregnant women age 18 and up.

Prevention Services

Parenting Programs: The prevention services staff offers effective science based parenting programs for parents of children of all ages. Major funding for these programs are provided by grant funding. These programs are designed to improve parent/child communication, strengthen family bonds, resolve family conflict and provide meaningful roles and support for children and families. Several of these programs are also available in Spanish.

A Healthy Journey for Two: Targets pregnant women. This two hour "educational baby shower" covers how tobacco, alcohol and other drugs affect their unborn child during pregnancy and while breast-feeding. This program is also available in Spanish. The cost of the program is underwritten by a grant.

Services for Youth and Young Adults

Early Intervention Program: Targets adolescents aged 12-17 who are experiencing problems related to alcohol and other drug use. Services include adolescent and parent education, screening to determine level of use, referral, and follow-up. Cost is \$50.00.

Zero Tolerance: Targets adolescents and young adults under the age of 21. A special feature of this program is to provide services to those individuals who are first-time offenders charged with a zero-tolerance offense, driving with a blood alcohol content of .02-.08 and referred by traffic court. Services include education, screening and referral and follow-up. Cost is \$125.00.

Other Services for the Community:

- Developmental Assets presentations to community groups and organizations about the 40 Developmental Assets framework.
- Consultation to individuals, groups and communities advocating for the most effective community policy to reduce high-risk behavior and promote primary health promotion strategy.

Jefferson County Public Schools

Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel: Enforces compulsory attendance law, serving as a liaison between the school and the parent, the courts, community agency and police.

School Social Worker: Provides social services and strategies to promote good school attendance.

Program Specialist: Provides follow up to families with multiple needs whose children are experiencing school difficulties.

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Family Self-Sufficiency Program/LMHA Scholarships: The Family Self-Sufficiency Program assists public housing and Section 8 residents meet employment and education goals. Participants are eligible for an FSS escrow account. The Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) Scholarship program assists graduating high school seniors and adult residents with scholarships to college. The application deadline is May 1st. Individuals for both programs must be served by LMHA to be eligible.

Computer Training: Computer training is offered to LMHA residents. Classes cover computer basics with popular programs such as spreadsheet and word processing, and using the Internet.

General Education Diploma (GED): Classes are offered to the public during the school year. They are held Monday through Friday from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. with open enrollment.